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Classroom Activities

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20th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall (Page 1)

Instructions: Read the article '20th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall'.
Answer questions 1-15.

1. When did the Berlin Wall fall?

2. Why do some historians think the fall of the Berlin Wall was such an important event?

3. Explain how Germany and Berlin were divided at the end of the Second World War.

4. What did many people in Eastern Europe do between 1945 and 1950?

5. What was the Iron Curtain and why was it erected?

6. What happened in Berlin in 1961?

7. Describe the Berlin Wall.

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8. Of what did the Berlin wall become a symbol?

9. Who led the protests in Poland in the 1980s?

10. Explain the importance of the decision made by Hungary's leaders in 1989.

11. Who was Mikhail Gorbachev and what part did he play in the fall of the Berlin Wall?

12. What happened in Eastern Europe and East and West Germany after the Wall came down?

13. Who is the chancellor of Germany?

14. Which landmark in Berlin was the centre for the anniversary celebrations?

15. What were pushed over, and what were they meant to symbolise?

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American president visits Asia (Page 4)

Instructions: Read the article 'American president visits Asia'.
Tick either true or false for the following statements.

	TRUE	FALSE
1. President Obama visited five Asian countries.		
2. Yukio Hatoyama is the prime minister of Japan.		
3. President Obama met with the Emperor of Japan.		
4. Okinawa is the capital of Japan.		
5. APEC has 15 member countries.		
6. The USA is a Pacific Rim country.		
7. Shanghai is the capital of China.		
8. China imports more American goods than America imports from China.		
9. China and the USA are the world's biggest producers of carbon dioxide.		
10. Seoul is the capital of South Korea.		

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Prime Minister's apology (Page 6)

Instructions: Read the article 'Prime Minister's apology'.
Fill in the missing words using the word list provided.

Recently, _____, the Australian prime _____, made a speech in _____, the capital of Australia. His speech was about a group of people known as the '_____'

Mr _____ said that it was important that people knew the _____ about what had happened in the past. He explained that between the _____ and the _____ thousands of young children were sent to Australia from the _____.

These children came from _____ and _____. Some had no parents while others were from families who were unable to look after them. In the _____ sending young children from _____ and _____ was done under a system called _____ or the _____. After arriving in _____ many of these children were very badly treated.

These schemes had the agreement of both the _____ and the _____ governments. At the time Australia wanted to increase its _____. It is estimated that _____ people sent to _____ as young children are still alive today.

Mr _____ said that having made a formal _____ to the '_____
_____' he hoped that they would now be known as the '_____
_____'.

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Russian president's speech (Page 9)**Instructions:** Read the article 'Russian president's speech'.

Draw a line to connect the correct links. The first is done for you.

There are 11 of these in Russia

Vladimir Putin

President of Russia

Modernised

Prime minister of Russia

Time zones

Capital of Russia

Kremlin

Home of Russian president

United Russia

The president wants schools to be this

Dmitry Medvedev

Russia has large supplies of these

Moscow

Main political party in Russia

Minerals

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China and Africa (Page 13)**Instructions:** Read the article 'China and Africa'.

The answers to the questions are given for 1-10. Write the questions.

1. **Q.** _____
A. The Forum on China-Africa Cooperation.
2. **Q.** _____
A. Sharm el-Sheikh.
3. **Q.** _____
A. 48.
4. **Q.** _____
A. Beijing, in 2006.
5. **Q.** _____
A. The 'new factory of the world'.
6. **Q.** _____
A. Oil, copper, diamonds, gold and cobalt.
7. **Q.** _____
A. The Chinese government.
8. **Q.** _____
A. Infrastructure projects.
9. **Q.** _____
A. Wen Jia-bao.
10. **Q.** _____
A. Beijing.

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Instructions: Read the article ‘Were dinosaurs warm-blooded?’ and fill in the spider diagram below with the details.

ECTOTHERMIC ANIMALS

[illegible]

ECTOTHERMIC ADVANTAGES/DISADVANTAGES

[illegible][illegible]

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World Map (Page 11)

Instructions: Solve these anagrams. Each answer is a country that appears on the World Map. Each anagram has one extra letter. Together the extra letters form another anagram. The answer is a mystery country. One is already done for you.

1. EEMK^KNY

Y E M E N

2. APAUAGRAY

□ □ □ □ □ □ □ □

3. RDORACUE

□ □ □ □ □ □ □

4. SUOVANILE

□ □ □ □ □ □ □ □

5. LOMICABON

□ □ □ □ □ □ □ □

6. PAINJA

□ □ □ □ □

7. WEN DAEELANZ

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Mystery country = □ K □ □ □ □ □

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Issue 106 Elimination

Instructions: Read issue 106. Now eliminate from the list 13 pairs of words or phrases that go together. You will have one word or phrase left over. That is the answer. One pair is already done for you.

Muppets

Snakes

~~Brandenburg Gate~~

Koalas

World Memory Championships

Eucalyptus

Saada

Lee Myung-bak

Himalayas

Club-winged manakin

Guangzhou

Forbidden City

Kevin Rudd

São Paulo

Ectothermic

Nunavut

Beijing

South America

~~Berlin~~

Nanga Parbat

Yemen

Rio de Janeiro

Zeppelin

Australia

Jim Henson

Canada

Hindenburg

Odd one out = _____

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Issue 106 multiple choice quiz**Instructions:** Read issue 106 and circle the correct answers for questions 1-10.

1. **In which Asian country was the most recent meeting of APEC held?**
 - a. Vietnam
 - b. Indonesia
 - c. Malaysia
 - d. Singapore
 - e. The Philippines
2. **Who is the prime minister of the UK?**
 - a. John Major
 - b. David Cameron
 - c. Michael Heseltine
 - d. Tony Blair
 - e. Gordon Brown
3. **Which galaxy is closest to our own Milky Way?**
 - a. Andromeda
 - b. Triangulum
 - c. Canis Major
 - d. Phoenix Dwarf
 - e. Draco
4. **Who is Wen Jia-bao?**
 - a. The mayor of Shanghai
 - b. The president of Vietnam
 - c. The Chinese premier
 - d. The president of China
 - e. The prime minister of Cambodia
5. **Of which country is Vladimir Putin the prime minister?**
 - a. Belarus
 - b. Bulgaria
 - c. Russia
 - d. Ukraine
 - e. Latvia
6. **What is Dhaulagiri?**
 - a. A type of bread made in Mexico
 - b. A drink made from rice plants
 - c. A region in South America
 - d. The seventh-highest mountain in the world
 - e. The longest river in India
7. **Which of the following animals is not endothermic?**
 - a. Tiger
 - b. Lizard
 - c. Llama
 - d. Whale
 - e. Kangaroo
8. **In which country do koalas live?**
 - a. Tonga
 - b. Papua New Guinea
 - c. New Zealand
 - d. Fiji
 - e. Australia
9. **By what name was the fence between East and West Germany known?**
 - a. DMZ
 - b. Green Line
 - c. Buffer Zone
 - d. European Central Barrier
 - e. Iron Curtain
10. **Who created the Sesame Street Muppets?**
 - a. Donald White
 - b. Jim Henson
 - c. Zach Grimston
 - d. Elizabeth Meyers
 - e. Gus Carmichael